



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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Chief Administrative Officer

At its meeting held April 13, 2004, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Yaroslavsky made the following statement:

"The California State Association of Counties (CSAC) and the League of California Cities are co-sponsoring legislation concerning county Emergency Medical Care Committees. AB 2293, as introduced by Assembly Member Lois Wolk (D-Davis), would require a county Emergency Medical Care Committee to review complaints relating to the local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) plan in its county. It would expand the scope of the Committee, require representation from the League of California Cities, reduce representation of the Board of Supervisors, and provide no funding for this new mandate.

"CSAC and the League of California Cities are seeking to establish shared governance of emergency medical services between cities and counties. Unlike Los Angeles County, in which cities have been represented for several years on our Emergency Medical Services Commission, in some counties there is no representation of cities.

"AB 2293 would either require Los Angeles County to change the composition of its existing Emergency Medical Services Commission, which was established by ordinance to serve the purpose of an Emergency Medical Care Committee, or create a separate committee, which would duplicate the activities of the existing commission and be redundant and wasteful. Additionally, representation of the Board of Supervisors on the Commission would be reduced from five to one.

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“Altering the composition of the County’s existing Emergency Medical Services Commission to conform to a one-size-fits-all prescribed membership is unnecessary and would not reflect the needs of the community. The current composition of the Commission has been carefully crafted over many years of development and utilization to provide balanced representation of all County stakeholders, including a representative of the California League of Cities.

“AB 2293 would also significantly increase the County’s workload with little benefit overall. The bill would require the Commission to consider and review all 121 standards in the EMS plan, instead of the three most significant standards, and increase the number of meetings required to address issues brought before it.”

“Notwithstanding the objectives of CSAC and the League of California Cities, AB 2293 is unnecessary in Los Angeles County and potentially imposes tremendous workload increases on our Emergency Medical Services Agency without providing additional funding”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Yaroslavsky, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board took the following actions:

1. Made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a);
2. Instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to send a five-signature letter to the Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health and to members of the County’s Legislative Delegation opposing AB 2293 (Wolk), unless amended to exempt Los Angeles County; and
3. Instructed the County’s legislative advocates in Sacramento to pursue the County’s position on this measure.

Copies distributed:

Each Supervisor
County Counsel

Letters sent to:

Chair of the Assembly Committee on Health
Each Member, Los Angeles County Legislative Delegation
Assembly Member Lois Wolk